

Mbembe language

Mbembe is a Cross River language of Nigeria. **Odut**, a divergent variety spoken in a village far South of the rest of Mbembe, had 20 speakers in 1980 and may be extinct.^[4]

Orthography

The Mbembe alphabet has 33 letters, with 25 consonants and eight vowels.^[5]

Mbembe	
Native to	Nigeria
Native speakers	(100,000 cited 1982) ^[2]
Language family	<div>Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Benue–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cross River<ul style="list-style-type: none">Upper Cross<ul style="list-style-type: none">Central<ul style="list-style-type: none">East–West<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mbembe</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	mfn – inclusive code <div>Individual code: oda – Odut village^[1]</div>
Glottolog	cros1244 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/cros1244) ^[3]

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<i>Letters (uppercase)</i>	A	ɑ	B	Ch	D	E	ɛ	F	G	Gb	H	I	J	K	Kp	L	M	N	Ny	Ɔ	O	ɔ	P	R	S	Sh	T	U	V
<i>Letters (lowercase)</i>	a	α	b	ch	d	e	ɛ	f	g	gb	h	i	j	k	kp	l	m	n	ny	ɲ	o	ɔ	p	r	s	sh	t	u	v
<i>IPA</i>	/a/	/ɑ/	/b/	/tʃ/	/d/	/e/	/ɛ/	/f/	/ɡ/	/ɡb/	/h/	/i/	/d͡ʒ/	/k/	/kp/	/l/	/m/	/n/	/ɲ/	/ŋ/	/o/	/ɔ/	/p/	/r/	/s/	/ʃ/	/t/	/u/	/v/

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